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Applicant(s): Hiroyuki SHINBATA

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, APPARATUS, AND STORAGE  
MEDIUM FOR RECOGNITION OF IRRADIATION AREA

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement mailed on June 16, 2004, in the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully submits the following response and amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.